



# WELCOME

## TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 18th October Trinity 19

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**Face coverings are now mandatory in churches.  
Please read the updated information below.**

### **Sunday 18th October Trinity 19**

10:00am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Holy Communion (BCP).  
10:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion by Extension.  
11.00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).  
5:30pm Ashbury, St Mary  
Evensong.

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving this week's sermon.

Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

Available from 9am on Sunday 18th October.

**Monday** **Rev'd Fergusson off duty**

### **Tuesday**

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#).  
7:00pm Ashbury APCM

### **Wednesday**

10:30am Bible Study Course. Live via Zoom.

### **Thursday**

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#).  
7:00pm Longcot & Fernham APCM

### **Saturday**

11:00am Compton Beauchamp APCM

### **Sunday 25th October Trinity 20**

9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Morning Prayer for Harvest (BCP)  
9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer  
10:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Holy Communion  
11.00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).

All links, orders of services and readings  
are posted on the services page of our website  
[www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](http://www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

### **A Time of Reflection and Remembrance**

Sunday 1st November

St Andrew's Church Shrivenham



Every year, on the Sunday nearest to All Souls, St Andrew's hosts a service of Remembrance for those we have loved and lost. This year will be no different: in fact, it feels even more important to remember the many people who died during the pandemic, some known to us personally but all known to God.

St Andrew's Church will be open between 2pm and 6pm for anyone who wishes to come, be still and light a votive candle.

There will then be a short service at 5pm which will also include the opportunity to light a candle.

**Everyone is welcome but, to ensure that we can seat everyone and maintain social distancing, please let the Benefice Administrator know by 26th October if you wish to attend the service at 5pm.**

If you are unable to attend the service, but would like to have a candle lit on your behalf, please let us know. The candles will be used as our votive candles in the Lady Chapel in the weeks after All Souls.

There is a Book of Remembrance in the Lady Chapel which records the names of those who have died and which is opened daily to the appropriate page. If you have a special name there, you are welcome to come into the Chapel on their anniversary and light a candle for them. As the church is currently only open on a Sunday, please contact the Vicar or one of the churchwardens if you wish to visit on any other day.

Benefice Administrator (Lucy Laird) 01793 783519  
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### **Face Coverings are Mandatory in Churches**

There is an exemption for those who are officiating at services and presiding at Holy Communion, and those who assist them (for instance by reading, preaching, or leading prayers) who do not always need to wear a face covering, although one should be worn if physical distancing cannot be maintained (such as at the distribution of Holy Communion).

In line with government advice, children under 11 and people with disabilities or certain health conditions are also exempt from wearing face coverings.

**Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.**

## Operation Christmas Child



### PACK A SHOEBOX!

SEND GOOD NEWS & GREAT JOY AROUND THE WORLD

If you would like to contribute a shoebox of goodies for children in need across the world, please bring it along to the services at St. Mary's Ashbury on 1st and 15th November or leave it in the porch between those dates. You can also pick up a 'How To Pack Your Shoebox' leaflet from the porch or visit the Samaritan's Purse website for more information.

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## Churches Open for Private Prayer

Our churches will be open once a week for private prayer as follows:

Ashbury 10am – 4pm on Thursday

Bourton 10am – 4pm on Saturday or Sunday when there is a service

Compton Beauchamp 9am – 5pm on Sunday

Longcot 10am – 4pm on Wednesday

Shrivenham 9am – 5pm on Sunday

Watchfield 10am – 4pm on Wednesday

Fernham church remains closed to allow Annabelle's pre-school exclusive access during term time.

If you would like to make a text donation to support your local church, please use the numbers below.

### For Ashbury

Text **STMARYS 5** to **70085** to donate **£5**

Text **STMARYS 10** to **70085** to donate **£10**

### For Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton

Text **SWB** to **70460** to donate **£5**

Text **SWB** to **70450** to donate **£10**

### For Longcot and Fernham

Text **LONGCOT** to **70085** to donate **£4**

## Associate Vicar

Rev'd Canon Paul Richardson's licensing service will be held in St Mary's Church Ashbury on Tuesday 3rd November at 7:30pm.

Attendance will be by invitation only as we are limited to 30 people under current Covid-19 restrictions.

We intend to either live stream or record the service.

## Annual Parish Meetings

Ashbury

Tuesday 20th October 7pm

Compton Beauchamp

Saturday 24th October 11am

Longcot & Fernham

Thursday 22nd October 7pm

Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton

Friday 30th October 6:30pm

Meetings will be held in church if permitted by regulations in place at the time, otherwise via Zoom

If you would like to become a member of your PCC, please contact the PCC Secretary or churchwarden.

**All welcome**

## Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Pound Piece.

## NHS Covid-19 Test and Trace App QR Codes



Look out for the NHS QR code posters in our churches. If you have installed the NHS Covid-19 Test and Trace App on your mobile phone you can scan the QR code instead of using the sign in sheets.

Find out more at

<https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>

Please contact Rev'd Fergusson for pastoral issues, and a Churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator ([shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com](mailto:shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com)) for other church enquiries.